

SAMAEL

Hidden Empire

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Nine years after ***Hegemony*** (2017), Swiss metal titans **SAMAEL** return with powerful limited 12" Maxi Single Vinyl "***Hidden Empire***" featuring their first new material in nearly a decade. The vinyl will be released in the Spring and will be exclusively available via Napalm Records Mailorder and **SAMAEL**'s official bandshop. The vinyl will include the commanding tracks "***Black Matter Manifesto***" and "***Hidden Empire***".

Formed in 1987, **SAMAEL** are among the most influential forces in extreme metal, reshaping the genre with timeless classics such as ***Worship Him*** and ***Passage***. Blending black, industrial, and symphonic metal into their own unmistakable signature sound, the band continues to push boundaries with dark precision and apocalyptic grandeur.

"***Black Matter Manifesto***" marks **SAMAEL**'s long-awaited return — raw, forceful, and unmistakably theirs. With "***Hidden Empire***", the legendary Swiss pioneers reaffirm their enduring presence, delivering a track that commands through its rawness while showcasing the band's trademark melodies and haunting riffs. Together, these songs underline **SAMAEL**'s relentless drive to expand a genre they helped shape — as vital, uncompromising, and imposing as ever.